

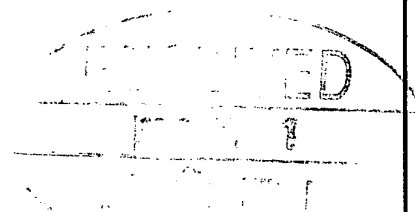
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Applicant HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS K.K. et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



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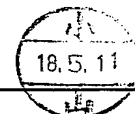
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(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS K.K.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 2	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 2	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 2	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: WO. 03-003406, A1 (Hamamatsu Photonics Kabushiki Kaisha), 09 January, 2003 (09.01.03), full text, all drawings</p> <p>Document 2: JP. 2002-150928, A (Hamamatsu Photonics Kabushiki Kaisha), 24 May, 2002 (24.05.02), paragraphs [0055]-[0066], paragraphs [0095]-[0096], Figs. 6 and 11</p> <p><u>Claims 1 and 2</u></p> <p>The subject matters of claims 1 and 2 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2.</p> <p>Document 1 describes an electron tube that interposes an aluminum sealing between a photoreception face plate and a Kovar cylinder constituting the side tube of a vacuum container, by airtightly sealing and thermally pressing them. It also describes a technique to use the photoreceptive face plate made of scintillator crystal replacing quartz, for detecting radiation.</p> <p>Document 2 also describes an electron tube that measures the ultraviolet ray, wherein the electron tube constitutes the photoreception face plate made of sapphire.</p> <p>As for the electron tube described in document 1, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of employing the photoreception face plate made of sapphire described in document 2, aiming to measure the ultraviolet ray.</p> <p>The thickness of sapphire plate of claim 2 merely is a matter of design choice appropriately set to be obtained by a person skilled in the art.</p>			

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The specification and drawings of the present application have not described sufficiently the technical content of the invention to be understood by a person skilled in the art.

According to the section of "the problems to be solved by the invention" of the specification, the metalizing process removes impurities on the surface of the sapphire plate, although the technical problem of photon defect occurrence on the sapphire plate by the impurities is described, however, the presence of the metalizing process is not specified in the claim.

The specific technique of the metalizing process, the content of the impurities, and mechanism of the impurity removal are not clear. The effect of the invention of the present application cannot be specified as to whether or not it is achieved by not performing the metalizing process, by employing aluminum sealing, by combining materials of sapphire plate and aluminum sealing, or by involving other conditions such as processing temperature.